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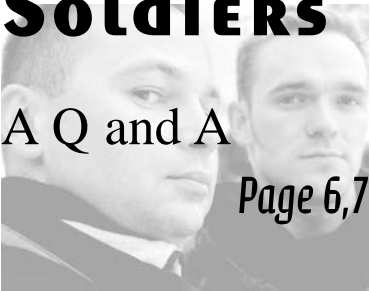
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A walk down
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Renters
subject to
snow rules

PAT DUGANZ
MONTANA KAIMIN

Students leaving Missoula for winter break should be aware of the city’s snow ordinance and the punishment for noncompliance. “There is a city ordinance that requires property owners to remove all snow by 9 a.m.,” said Steve King, director of Missoula’s Public Works Department. Most apartment buildings have snow removal covered by a realtor or property owner, but houses often have clauses in the leases for tenants to shovel. King said his office does not look for houses or businesses that have not shoveled. Usually, King said, people call and complain about their neighbors, then a Public Works inspector is

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MAKING DUE ON A TUBE



Oregon native Bethany Woodworth flies off a jump on a tube Thursday at Blue Mountain Recreational Area. Bethany is on a two-month vacation in Montana to ski while living with a friend in Missoula. Several Montana ski resorts postponed their traditional openings during Thanksgiving weekend due to lack of snowfall, until this weekend.

Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin

Oaxaca trip relocated due
to continued civil unrest

BRENNA MOORE
MONTANA KAIMIN

University of Montana staff and students involved with the Spanish department’s annual study abroad program are in the final stages of switching their location from Oaxaca, Mexico to Guanajuato. Every other year, the department sponsors a study abroad program in Oaxaca. Participants travel to Spain during the alternating years. This year, however, due to civil unrest and recent violence in the area, the program leaders felt it was better if they looked at studying abroad in another part of Mexico instead. “I didn’t think (Oaxaca) would be an appropriate environment to take 12 seniors, the risk was too

high,” said Clary Loisel, assistant professor of Spanish and the trip leader. Loisel officially cancelled the Oaxaca trip at the end of October, when the Mexican government sent the Mexican army into Oaxaca to drive protesters from the city and the situation got too intense, he said. “Canceling the program in Oaxaca turned out to be a prudent move ... I don’t think anyone’s disappointed; everyone is still on board,” he said. The Universidad de Guanajuato, located in central Mexico, was chosen because it is one of UM’s exchange partners and the area is safer, Loisel said. Guanajuato’s university is a lifesaver, Loisel said, because it will meet all of the program’s needs and is set up to accommo-

date this type of exchange. Although the process of changing destinations took a tremendous amount of work, the switch was doable, he said. UM already had many contacts with the university in Guanajuato, which made the process much easier and less painful, said Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, assistant director for UM study abroad programs. “It was extremely exciting for us that this worked out,” she said. Students participating in the exchange are optimistic as well. “There’s nothing you can do about (not being able to go to Oaxaca), it’s not a good place right now ... We’re all pretty happy about going to Guanajuato ... it’s actually cheaper,” said

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UM to meet January deadline for wage increase

TY HAMPTON
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana will raise the pay of all campus jobs to at least the new statewide minimum wage by Jan. 1, 2007, University officials confirmed. It is still not definite from where the money for the wage adjustment will come. Terri Phillips, payroll manager for human resource services at UM, reported that all University jobs will be in complete compliance with passed Initiative 151, which will raise Montana’s minimum wage to \$6.15 per hour. “The initiative called for the raise to take place on the first and that’s the law so we will make sure that happens,” Phillips said. “As far as whether or not all jobs on campus will see a raise — including those

over the new minimum — that’s up to the department.” Mark LoParco, director of Dining Services, the top employer of students at UM, said that his department is considering paying students more than the new minimum. “For us, it’s only 15 cents more to match the minimum because we already pay \$6 per hour,” LoParco said. “The only question is whether or not to pay more than that, and we’re still discussing that issue.” ASUM, the second-largest employer of students on campus, will face a smaller adjustment, ASUM President Andrea Helling said. Helling said that most existing ASUM jobs pay at least \$6 per hour and a majority of those pay more than the new \$6.15 minimum as well. ASUM is currently discussing raising its minimum wage for student jobs to \$7 an hour, she said.

UM reveals
finalists for
provost spot

SEAN BRESLIN
MONTANA KAIMIN

The provost search committee has released the names of three candidates for the job of the University of Montana’s provost and vice president for academic affairs. After searching for nearly the entire fall semester, the provost search committee will bring three candidates to UM for interviews between Dec. 8 and Dec. 14, said committee chairman Dan Dwyer, UM’s vice president for research. “The committee wanted to make sure what sort of people we brought to the University,” Dwyer said. The candidates are: ·William Fritz, associate provost for academic programs at Georgia State University. Fritz studied biology at Walla Walla College in Washington before coming to UM, where he earned a doctorate in geology in 1980. Fritz said he is interested in expanding UM’s research opportunities while still retaining a broad liberal arts curriculum. “Overall, my vision is students first, faculty second and staff third,” he said ·Dick Pratt, dean of arts and sciences at Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. Pratt earned a Ph.D in biology from Virginia Tech, and has focused his research on environmental problems such as pollution, he said. “I’m especially attracted to what people are doing in research” at UM, Pratt said. ·James Coleman, vice chancellor for research at the University of Missouri. Coleman also served at the Desert Research Institute in Nevada as the vice president for research and business development, and he has taught biology at Syracuse University in New York. Coleman was not available for comment. The job of the provost is second only to the UM president. In addition to assuming the leadership position when the president isn’t available, the provost is involved with almost every academic decision at UM, said former UM President James Koch. “Being a provost is a really neat job, because as you execute that job you really learn a lot about the institution,” Koch said. The provost is in charge of the academic schedule. The classes offered, how many sections are offered and who teaches the classes: all these decisions are ultimately decided by the provost’s office, Koch said. “They’re tough choices, because no provost has as much money as he or she would like to spend,” he said.

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Question 1: Tomorrow is the last edition of the Kaimin for the fall semester. What are you going to do next without it?

Question 2: Do you have any plans for the five weeks of bliss that is not school?



Forrest Baldwin
Senior, business administration

Q1: "I'll cry myself to sleep knowing that I can't do the crossword and prevent Alzheimer's."
Q2: "I'm going to be the slickest, cockiest skier on Big Mountain."



Richard Gross
Senior, business management

Q1: "Oh man. I guess I'll just have to cuddle up and find a way to stay warm. I'll have to find some way to keep my sanity. Is there any medication for this?"
Q2: "Well, I'll be in Kalispell as a substitute teacher. I'll be teaching all the grades I can get."



Alexandra Corcoran
Senior, political science

Q1: "I will probably have to read the Independent during my early morning classes. I'll be really sad. I'll miss the police blotter."
Q2: "I will be at home in Chicago for two weeks and then back here for eight hours a day for winter session."



Galen Hall
Junior, resource conservation

Q1: "I'll go nuts. Seriously man. That last article (Bertha heist) was one of the funniest I've read in a long time."
Q2: "I'm not. I had a brain fart and decided to take some winter session classes."



Mistee Rides at the Door
Junior, Native American studies

Q1: "I'll not be able to look at the miscellaneous stuff on the back. I always look at the lost and found stuff."
Q2: "No, doing winter session. I'll go home for Christmas and do some sledding, sliding and sleep."

GUEST COLUMN

Attacks on Walt show attempt to silence debate

For most of the fall semester I have been attacked repeatedly in the pages of this newspaper and elsewhere for the invitation that I extended to Stephen Walt under the auspices of the President's Lecture Series. This former academic dean at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government gained notoriety in March for an article that he co-authored on the influence of the Israel lobby in shaping U.S. policy for the Middle East, particularly the war in Iraq. With his Stanford-Berkeley-Princeton-University of Chicago-Harvard academic pedigree and voluminous publications, Walt was entitled to a respectful hearing at UM. The many people who attended his presentations gave him such a hearing. Some on our campus who did not come to hear what he had to say have been conducting an unseemly vendetta against him.

In published and private communications, Walt has been called an anti-Semite and a liar and likened to a Nazi, a Ku Klux Klansman, and a Holocaust denier. Some serious charges have been made against me as the perpetrator of a monstrous outrage against the moral and intellectual life of the campus. It is as if in my capacity as the coordinator of the lecture series, I had let loose a drunken chimpanzee in a holy temple and then stood back, rubbing my hands in evil glee as the creature profaned the place.

In fact, Walt made it very clear in his presentations that the target of his criticism was not the Jewish people, but the policies of the Israel lobby in Washington. To criticize these policies and their advocates is not necessarily the equivalent of anti-Semitism, and it certainly is not in Walt's case. In a free society, all policies must stand for critical review. As a longtime student of pressure-group politics, Walt possessed ideal professional qualifications for just this kind of study. The people who attended Walt's seminar know that he is not a Klansman in a coat and tie. Nothing that he said could justify such an extreme characterization of him.

It is perhaps worth mentioning that professor Walt and his collaborator, the University of Chicago's John Mearsheimer, have been invited to give talks since the publication of their article at the following places, in addition to Missoula: the Naval War

College, the University of Utah, the Council on Foreign Relations, Berea College, Emerson College, Brandeis University, Temple KAM (a synagogue in Hyde Park, Ill.), Texas A&M, the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth, Trinity College (Dublin), Oxford University, Warwick University, the National Press Club, Georgetown University, Columbia University, Swarthmore College, the Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center in Newton, Mass., "The Charlie Rose Show" and the "NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." If Mearsheimer and Walt were intellectual gangsters, why would all these respected institutions and organizations be interested in hearing what they have to say? Why would a prestigious publishing company like Farrar, Straus & Giroux offer them a contract to write a book-length treatment of the ideas that Walt presented on the UM campus?

In the wake of the defamatory attacks here on Walt, people must be told that his recently published book, "Taming American Power," contains a long section that summarized the arguments of "The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy." The book was a finalist in 2006 for both the Lionel Gelber Book Award presented by the University of Toronto, and the Council on Foreign Relations' Arthur Ross Book Prize. Apparently, there are more sleepyheads in the groves of academe, unable to spot a racist bigot, than one can guard against.

Walt's UM critics have professed that they only want to encourage intellectual debate by having the University invite another speaker for a rebuttal. I doubt very much that they are being sincere about this. One does not genuinely encourage public debate by beginning with a preemptive barrage of name-calling and then keeping it up for weeks and now months on end. Their purpose was and is to close down debate on the subject of the Israel lobby and to destroy morally anyone with the temerity to speak up about it.

*Richard Drake,
Department of History*

Kidnapping of moose will not go unpunished

As some of you may know, just recently sometime between the midnight hours of Nov. 28 and 29, a terrible act was waged against the innocent forestry mascot known as Bertha the Moose. She is an idolized and sacred figure that means a great deal to the forestry students she looks after. Each day she grants wisdom and prosperity to the talented and hard-working foresters, remaining peacefully at her perch in the Forestry Building. So as a note to the guilty suspects among us: beware. A sacrilege and disgrace such as that committed against the foresters will not be tolerated lightly, when an idol such as

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Bertha is so audaciously kidnapped. Not only have the culprits taken a great emblem hostage, they have stepped far across the line and also terrorized other parts of the building taking other tokens of value and ruining the classrooms orderly arrangement. They even went as far as stealing underwear from the lost and found. Now the forestry building smells like shoe polish, prenuptial agreements, fancy pen ink and dry-cleaned suits. "Yuck, it's a terrible stench that the lawyers track everywhere they go," said "Dimmy Jean," the official cap-

tain of the Forestry Armed Response Team (F.A.R.T) strike force.

The pathetic "Buck" that has been put in mighty Bertha's place is a terribly insufficient replacement and it's sickening to look at. "Try as you may, but Bertha will not talk ... no matter what you do!" says Dimmy Jean. It's obvious that a plea bargain will be hard to come by, but one thing is certain: payback will be immense.

Be sure to attend the 90th annual Foresters' Ball on Feb. 2 and 3. Tickets go on sale mid-January. Hopefully by then Bertha the Moose will be in the hands of her rightful owners proudly displayed as she should be.

*Aric Clark,
sophomore, forestry*

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GUEST COLUMN

The death of a salesman, a rebirth of a nation

Familiarity of conservatism is complicated by a Republican-bridge-to-nowhere-Foley-Iraq-Abramoff-big-government taint. That's too bad. Fewer people are likely to seek out the works and opinions of such conservative intellectuals as the venerable Milton Friedman. Mr. Friedman, who passed earlier this month, defined the neoliberal economics of conservatism.

The Editorial Page of The Journal had some thoughtful selections of Mr. Friedman's work that he had submitted to the page over the past few decades. One such selection best tells of the core of his philosophies. Mr. Friedman, a Nobel Laureate in Economics, held the opinion that economic freedom, where economic activities are organized "through a largely free market and private enterprises, in short, through competitive capitalism, (...) is an end in itself to a believer in freedom." That position is as unwelcome today as it was when he posited it in 1961. But arguing for the unwelcome is what Mr. Friedman did, and by doing so challenged and changed how economists do economics. Indeed, Milton Friedman embodied the Western, liberal spirit of learning through his challenging of the status quo. That spirit should live on.

The death of this salesman of freedom, matched with the loss of William F. Buckley Jr. as editor of National Review and the fall of the Republican bloc, leaves conservatives without leaders in economics, voice and name.

But being devoid of leadership is

not necessarily bad. Not now. The silver lining that a conservative identity crisis presents is an opportunity to return to neoliberal philosophies, as well as a chance to allow for a freer exchange of ideas. (The days of toeing the line should be past.) Returning to neoliberal economics will provide a realistic and sensible economic framework to counter the fanciful appeal of protectionism, which appears to be on the rise ("Fanfare for the common man." The Economist. Nov. 23, 2006). Dually, the encouragement of a free exchange of ideas should bring more than fresh ideas, but numbers, too. Difficulty will lie in making it clear to those keen to protectionist policies why they shouldn't be. Mr. Friedman did well making such explanations clear. But who might take his place? Perhaps no one. Which would be fine, if not good.

The problem with looking singularly to some one for answers, anyway, is that doing so decreases the likelihood of an individual to think for him or herself, to read up on issues, discuss them, formulate educated opinions and make informed decisions. Doing so, it should seem, promotes conformity.

Our generation might be more independently minded than our en bloc-voting progenitors, perhaps more inclined to critically observe each issue. And although it makes sense for us to consider it best to take on every issue by the issue — by avoiding the adoption of philosophies which tend to blanket over the nuances of a complex state of affairs

— we do have to take a stand here and there; there is, sometimes, simply black and white.

The flexibility to distinguish between what needs to be taken on issue by issue from what needs to be considered in black and white would be best realized in the form of a revalued conservatism, one that couples economic neoliberal philosophies with environmental conservatism; one that highly regards an excellent, mobile, well-equipped military and strong intolerance of terrorism; one that is plainly democratic and sensible.

Let's put it this way. Previous generations will be leaving it up to ours to clean up their messes. Clearly, Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians and Greens do not have the janitorial skills needed to make a dent in this wreckage. They may even make things dirtier! The burden is thus squarely on us lest we should pass the dirty work on to posterity.

It's time to consider how we plan to clean. And that includes considering what might be cognitively discomforting.

So, what are we to do when the same set of unsettling issues that the baby-boomers are proving too incompetent to shoulder are left to us to deal with? How do you plan to deal with the economy (deficits, dizzying Federal spending, trade, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security), international and national security, disease control, global warming, energy and Iraq (no, it's not going to go away)? Ideas?

Erik Hurd,
senior, liberal studies

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Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 In the sack
- 5 Threw a party for
- 10 Plot of land
- 14 Flat charge
- 15 Basra man
- 16 Wharf
- 17 Enigmatic
- 19 Driving force
- 20 Draft animals
- 21 Gave one's consent
- 23 Move like a peacock
- 26 Audibly
- 27 Spats
- 30 Goose or speed followers
- 34 Sch. of Trojans
- 35 Consecrate with oil
- 38 Stable youngster
- 39 Great landmass
- 41 Blood giver
- 42 Quaker pronoun
- 43 Open-handed blow
- 44 "This Is ___ Tap"
- 46 Drivers' org.
- 47 Lends a hand
- 49 Family favoritism
- 51 Fencing move
- 54 Singer Mariah
- 55 Storehouse of arms
- 58 Train like Rocky
- 60 Bound upward
- 61 Phoebe and Phobus
- 66 Biblical wise men
- 67 Minute amount
- 68 Digits per hand
- 69 ___ gin fizz
- 70 Gossiper
- 71 Units of length
- DOWN
- 1 Chair rest
- 2 Reddish brown horse
- 3 UFO crew
- 4 Way around
- 5 Discharge
- 6 ___ go brag!
- 7 The Chinese "way"
- 8 On a par
- 9 "Saturday Night Fever" dance
- 10 Water conduit
- 11 Bean ___ (tofu)
- 12 Latest thing
- 13 Sized up
- 18 Additional
- 22 Rookie reporter
- 23 Press flat
- 24 Vigorous struggle
- 25 Ethnic
- 26 Utterly ridiculous
- 28 Shuts off
- 29 Cloverleaf segment
- 31 Goat coat
- 32 Make happy
- 33 Hot and sticky
- 36 Zilch
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- 52 Offensive

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ZACHARY FRANZ
MONTANA KAIMIN

Nov. 17, 3:51 p.m.

A parking enforcement officer noticed a suspicious parking decal. The decal was being used by the roommate of a student who had reported it stolen. The decal had been altered, said Lt. Gary Taylor with the Office of Public Safety. The student using the decal has \$175 in outstanding parking fines, and was cited for theft of services, Taylor said.

Nov. 18, 1:25 a.m.

A resident assistant in Miller Hall reported possible drug use in a second-floor room. Officers responded, and cited a student for possession of marijuana. Later, officers found that the bag also contained cocaine and illegal mushrooms. The student was charged with felony drug possession.

Nov. 18, 3:55 a.m.

An officer noticed three men trying to hide in a campus parking lot. Suspicious, the officer went to see what they were up to. The men ran away. The officer caught one and cited him for underage possession of alcohol and obstruction of justice, Taylor said. Further investigation revealed the identity of another student. Police are still searching for the third, Taylor said.

Nov. 18, 11:33 p.m.

An officer in the tailgate area during the Griz-Cat game saw a man drinking and asked the man for identification. The student tried to run away, but was thwarted, said Capt. Jim Lemcke with the Office of Public Safety. "Another student provided an excellent open field tackle," Lemcke said. "The linebacker did not stick around to be identified, but the subject found out that concrete is less forgiving than a football field."

Police found that the tackled

student also had some marijuana, and he was cited for underage possession of alcohol, obstructing a peace officer and possession of dangerous drugs.

Nov. 18, 10:08 p.m.

Officers responded to a call regarding the use of fireworks on the second floor of Jesse Hall. Students were shooting Moon

An officer spotted a man running down Campus Drive, naked except for his shoes. The man was a student making good on a lost bet, Taylor said. The student expected his friends to pick him up at the end of the run, but they weren't there, Taylor said.

"He lost two bets," Taylor said. "He was betting his friends would be there, too."

Nov. 18, 2:43 p.m.

A fire alarm went off in Aber Hall. The building was evacuated. Officers found one student on the second floor who had slept through the alarm. He was drunk. Officers cited the student for underage possession of alcohol, Taylor said.

Police Blotter



Travelers down the hallway, Taylor said. One student was cited for criminal mischief.

Nov. 18, 10:54 p.m.

A resident of Lewis and Clark Villages was locked out of his apartment, and asked the Village assistant to let him in, which the assistant did. Later that evening, the Village assistant noticed blood near a broken window to the same apartment. The student had apparently locked himself out again, and broke the window to get back in, Taylor said. He was cited for criminal mischief.

Nov. 21, 2:59 a.m.

A resident assistant spotted two people emerging from the steam tunnels near Craig Hall. Officers found one of the individuals, and cited him for trespassing and underage possession of alcohol. Officers later determined the identity of the other man, and cited him for trespassing and obstructing a peace officer, Taylor said. One of the students was the same who had been cited in the Jesse Hall fireworks incident.

"He likes blowing things up and crawling around in tunnels – he should be a miner," Taylor said.

Nov. 25, 2:23 a.m.

The officer found some clothes for the student, then helped him to contact the friends and set up a meeting point.

"The officer had to negotiate a surrender," Lemcke said.

The naked runner didn't face any criminal charges. Indecent exposure charges only apply if a person derives sexual gratification from the exposure, Lemcke said. Non-gratifying nudity could merit disorderly conduct charges, but at that hour there was nobody to offend.

"Naturally, this was bar time, so there may have been a beverage involved," Lemcke said.

Citations:

Arliss Melton, 19, theft of services

Darius Baum, 18, MIP

Cole Beyer, 19, MIP, obstructing a peace officer, criminal mischief

Christopher Hicks, 18, obstructing a peace officer

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Christopher Supak, 20, possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas Moloney, 18, possession of dangerous drugs

Samantha Clark-Smith, 19, possession of drug paraphernalia

Joel Patton, 19, MIP

Andrew Murphy, 20, MIP

Gabe Sweeney, 19, MIP

Ry Phipps, 18, MIP

Edward Yperman, 20, MIP
Kyle Beller, 19, MIP, obstructing a peace officer, possession of dangerous drugs

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Harvard scholar to discuss S. America's 'leftward' shift

HANNAH HEIMBUCH
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The University of Montana will welcome Latin American studies scholar and writer Kenneth Maxwell from Harvard University next week as part of UM's President's Lecture Series. Maxwell will give his lecture, "The Red Wave in Latin America: What the Turn to the Left Means for the United States," at 8 p.m. in the UC Ballroom on Dec. 4.

"(It) will focus on the perception in Washington that there is a strong leftward tilt occurring in Latin America, and that this is dangerous to the U.S.," Maxwell said in an e-mail interview. "But is this true? What exactly does being 'left' mean in a post-Cold War era

in the region? Why does the U.S. pay so little attention to Latin America except when it is perceived to be a threat?"

These topics are important in today's politics because of Latin America's proximity to, and its relationship with, the United States, he said.

"Proximity matters, for reasons of border security, because the debate over immigration is so hot and divisive, because of the importance of trade and natural resources and because Latin American was traditionally a region where U.S. power and influence was preeminent ... and today this is no longer the case," Maxwell said.

Series coordinator Richard Drake often invites lecturers based on nominations from university

faculty, students or community members. This year, he was looking for a Latin America expert to expand on the political issues in that region, and he put out a call for names among his colleagues, which turned up Maxwell as a favorite. "He's one of the foremost experts on Latin America today," said Drake. "I thought that it would be interesting for our community to hear an authority of his caliber comment on the turn to the left in Latin American politics."

Maxwell, originally from England, is the director of the Brazil Studies Program at Harvard's David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies and is also a visiting history professor there.

"He's heavily published, (and) he was an enormously influential writer for many years on foreign affairs," Drake said. Maxwell said this journey to Montana will be his first, and one of the rare times he makes such a trip.

"Actually, I accept very few lecture invitations and prefer the format of a 'conversation,' which in a sense is what I will attempt to do on Monday," Maxwell said. "There are not always quick or easy answers to every problem. This is a very distinguished series,

and I do believe academics need to debate public policy issues in their areas of specialization."

Maxwell was director of the Latin America program at the Council on Foreign Relations, an independent, nonpartisan think tank and publisher for the last 15 years. He resigned from the post in 2004 after the organization's journal, Foreign Affairs, refused to print his letter rebuttal regarding a political debate through the journal with Henry Kissinger. Maxwell was the Western Hemisphere book reviewer for Foreign Affairs from 1993 until his resignation.

Maxwell's writing includes many books and articles, as well as many book reviews for publications like The New York Review of Books. His latest book, "O Império Derrotado," has received international attention.

"I couldn't think of a better, more authoritative person to explain those questions to us," Drake said. "Our students and the community members in Missoula

need to hear an authoritative expert comment on these vital political matters ... and what are the implications of this political trend for America."

Maxwell's afternoon lecture, "Contemporary Brazil: Continuity and Change," will be held in the Gallagher Business Building in Room 123 from 3:10 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"(Brazil) is the largest economy in South America and, in terms of extent of territory, is a country larger than the U.S. minus Alaska," Maxwell said, noting that Brazil's rising influence on global trade is often seen on par with other emerging heavyweights like Russia, India, China and South Africa.

"So how Brazil chooses to exercise its new influence will be important to the U.S., both globally and especially in South America, where Brazil is the dominant power," he said.

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UM students Sgt. 1st Class Cary Monbarren, left, and Sgt. Seth Whitfield recently got back from serving the United States in the war in the Middle East. Monbarren, who is with the National Guard, and Whitfield, an Army Ranger, both tell their stories on being soldiers overseas.

The soul of a soldier

Story by Jacob Baynham
Photos by Ashley McKee

Two UM Iraq War veterans speak their minds on the bigger picture, what they fought for and what's next

Walking into the Montana Kaimin office, Sgt. 1st Class Cary Monbarren, with the National Guard and Sgt. Seth Whitfield, an Army Ranger, are meeting each other for the first time. They are both University of Montana students, strong men who walk and speak with confidence.

Monbarren, a former Marine, wears a Montana National Guard vest that reads "Our Duty, Your Freedom." He is married, has a son and another child is on the way. Monbarren has won multiple Army commendation awards. Whitfield won a purple heart and a bronze star in combat in Afghanistan. Wrapped around his wrist is a bracelet engraved with the names of three of his buddies killed there.

Monbarren, 35, is a business major. Whitfield, 24, is double majoring in criminology and Middle Eastern studies. Both men have been shot at. They have had grenades explode in their faces. They have killed and have watched their friends be killed. They have led teams and platoons out of ambushes and conducted house-searches in volatile insur-

gent zones. They are two of the faces, often overlooked, a gun-barrel's distance away from a war being waged in America's name.

As politicians and academics debate strategy and ethics of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the following is a transcript of a

“Looking back, I think that Iraq was a mistake, because of the instability in the region that it's caused...”

– Seth Whitfield

discussion with two of the war partakers.

Montana Kaimin: When it came time to go into combat, were you ready for it?

Seth Whitfield: “Oh yeah, we were itching to go ... so many people were pissed off about 9/11, just infuriated, and (in Afghanistan) we were actually able to go and pull some triggers right away, so it was like instant

gratification, which very, very few people got to do ... the Taliban had nothing. Once you get some close air support, you could have a rag-tag group of sixth graders with slingshots and they could probably take over a country.”

M.K.: War's been called a great adventure by some. You've both seen combat, how do you feel when you talk about it?

Cary Monbarren: “I don't think there's too many soldiers that are pro-war, and I'd never sell myself as that. If anyone doesn't want to go to combat, it'd be a soldier or a marine. But you feel pride for being a part of it ... Everyday was different. You could have 45 days, and do nothing and then you

get 20 seconds (of combat) and you puke afterwards.”

S.W.: “You definitely feel a sense of pride, I mean there's not very many people out there that can say they've come face to face with al-Qaida; they're a certain

few and there's a sense of pride in that.”

M.K.: Do you miss it, at all?

C.M.: “You know, (in April 2004) I literally went from the combat zone, getting shot at to being on a plane to sitting in my living room with my wife probably in about 24 hours ... You wake up and you look for your weapon, and you say 'wait, I'm in my living room.' I get fired up, I'll watch the

news sometimes and I'll think, 'I wish I was there, those are my brothers there.'”

M.K.: Do you want to go back?

C.M.: “Oh, absolutely.”

M.K.: When you got into Iraq, did you feel you had the training and the equipment that was necessary?

C.M.: “I think you always feel vulnerable, especially because there are things you can't protect against. No matter how much armor you have on or how much training you have, a well-placed IED (improvised explosive device) puts all that by the wayside.”

S.W.: “IEDs? There's nothing you can do ... they have ones that can take out an Abrams tank. (When I was in Iraq,) our Humvees were designed for Afghanistan. We had roll cages on them, that's it. We didn't have doors, we didn't have windows, we had a front windshield. I mean, talk about unprotected against IEDs ... But I can't blame the

A Bite Out of Life



UM senior Taylore Beckman bobs for apples while taking a break from making apple cider Sept. 28 at the Garden City Harvest Project Community Farm. Beckman, along with several other students, were making cider for the 2006 Bears and Apples Project. People from all over Missoula collected apples that would otherwise rot, and gave them to the food bank whole or in cider form.

The Montana Kaimin Presents Semester in Review

Wasn't it just yesterday that we were all skipping the first day of class to avoid playing the name game and backpacks full of syllabi? Time flies. For me, it seems like just a few months ago I was living on the third floor of the Aberhood. Now I'm filling out graduation papers. So it goes.

This special pull-out section, in our last paper of the semester, is an example of the Kaimin Staff's endless attempt to chronicle the life of you, our fellow student. Thank you for being our subject and thank you for being so interesting.

-Danny Bobbe

Pro-lifers on a Plane



Back when it was still warm enough for students to laze around the Oval and stare into September's blue skies, they were treated to graphic images of aborted fetuses on a banner towed behind a small plane. UM officials expressed concerns about how low the plane was flying, and the FAA told the plane's pilot to fly a bit higher. But the plane's sponsors said it was an attempt to stifle the group's anti-abortion message. "You are picking on the wrong people, because you're picking a fight you cannot win," said Greg Cunningham of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform. But for Ken Willett, director of public safety at UM, it was all a matter of physics. "I don't care what their message is," Willett said. "I'm a pilot myself, and if your engine kicks out, Newton's Laws take over."

The Cost of Life

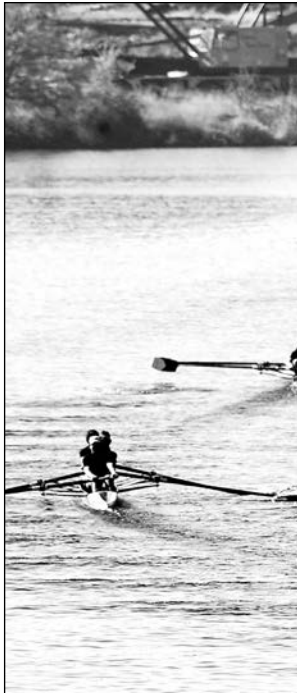


UM student Noah Ginnings displays the mask he wore during radiation treatments for brain cancer to keep him from moving his head. Ginnings was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2001 and has since struggled through exorbitant medical bills and several surgeries. An October story in the Kaimin caught the attention of State Auditor John Morrison who used his contact at Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance to significantly lower Ginnings's bills. The costs continue, however, and a benefit concert in his honor is planned for Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

And a Pumpkin on Top



He called himself "Ichabod Climber," and on a frigid October night, he scaled to the top of Main Hall to fulfill what is fast becoming a tradition on campus: Celebrating Halloween with a pumpkin struck through the top spire of Main Hall. Considering he was climbing without a belay to catch him if he fell, the climber's feat is all the more impressive. Today, more than a month since the 15-pound gourd was mounted, it still looks out over the campus.



The UM Rowing Club started again this a.m. to drive 50 miles to Salmon Lake.

Over the Edge



A new recreational activity was discovered shortly after the creation of the Madison Street Footbridge. A few brave souls discovered the water was deep enough for jumpers and divers. UM freshman Sam Murray is a braver soul yet, deciding to plummet into the Clark Fork River from Madison Street Bridge.

Decemberists in November



A concert-goer watches the opening act, Alasdair Robert, at the Decemberists concert in the Wilma Theater on Nov. 16. The Decemberists have strong Missoula ties, and their concert was one that was highly anticipated.



Junior wide receiver Craig Chambers dives for a pass in the first half of the defensive battle between the Grizzlies and Cal Poly on Nov. 4. UM athletics have been in top form this year. Some of the highlights include:

- The 106th Battle of the Wild on Nov. 18 was a classic, with Montana emerging from the defensive battle with a 13-7 win in front of a record 24,018 people at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Montana took control of the game with 7:12 left in the third quarter when junior Eric Allen hauled in a 54-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Josh Swogger to put UM up 10-7. The biggest Cat-Griz game may still possibly be on the horizon as both teams, playing on opposite sides of the bracket, are still alive in the I-AA playoffs and could meet in the championship game.

Red Skies in the Morning



in this semester after a six year hiatus. They practice three times a week, sometimes getting up as early as 5 Lake.

A Shocking New Development



Tasers — UM police began the school year equipped with tasers, and employed them within the first couple of weeks on a violent 16-year-old male who was visiting campus. Some students have questioned the safety and necessity of tasers, but ASUM recently voted not to pass a resolution disapproving of the use of tasers.

Sports Recap



- The UM volleyball team emerged from the Big Sky Conference basement and made its first conference tournament appearance since 2000. Under new head coach Jerry Wagner, the Griz went 12-15 (9-7 BSC) but lost in five games to Northern Colorado in the first round of the tournament. Senior outside hitter Claudia Houle made the all-Big Sky first team while junior libero Jackie White set the UM career record for digs
- UM golf coach Joanne Steele underwent a successful heart transplant on Sept. 17. Steele, who suffered from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, is still recovering in Seattle but is expected to rejoin the team when the spring semester starts in January. In her absence, the team was coached by UM men's tennis coach Kris Nord and John Powers, a Missoula resident. UM, the defending Big Sky Conference champion, competed in three tournaments, finishing in the top six in all three.

One of Our Own



UM student Gwen Porter, 20, died of a methadone overdose on Sept 16. Friends and family remember Porter's love of theatre and music. Porter, a Havre native, was studying philosophy. The incident remains under investigation by the Missoula Police.

Stones Roll Through Missoula



The Rolling Stones came to town on Oct. 5, and put on a once-in-a-lifetime concert. With the Stones came a moving village of equipment and people including 70 tractor trailers, a 50-by-50-foot big screen, a 30-foot-tall pair of inflatable lips, a legion of pyrotechnics to be shot off and a 120-foot runway to a second stage. A mammoth six-story, 85-foot, 300-ton stage in Washington-Grizzly stadium was also assembled so 21,490 concert-goers could make roughly \$100,000 for the UM.

The Banana Man Can



Wearing a banana suit in the spirit of Halloween, sophomore Paul Fredenberg, a pharmacy major, jogs to Knowles Hall to get out of the cold weather. "It's always been my dream to run all around the world in a giant banana suit naked," Fredenberg said. He wore his Halloween costume for four straight days.

Burns vs. Tester



Montana's election for U.S. Senator didn't just captivate people from Missoula to Miles City, but drew attention from the national media as well. On Wednesday, Nov. 8, control of the entire senate hung on the outcomes of two races: Virginia and Montana. Conrad Burns, the three-term Republican incumbent, spent much of the race ducking allegations of wrongdoing that stemmed from his connections to convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff. But despite a visit from President George Bush, Burns' mantra of seniority did not beat out Democrat Jon Tester's message that the U.S. Senate should look a bit more like Montana. Haircut, anyone?

A Grand Opening



Tony Hawk landed in Missoula late September, along with a cast of other legendary skateboarders, to help open MOBASH Skatepark, the first and only of its type in Missoula. A large crowd assembled and saw skaters like Taylor Smith kick around hardflips.



Mayor John Engen was the special guest judge in the Kaimin's seasonal pumpkin carving competition, The Great Kaimin Pumpkin-Off. Brett Svetlik won \$100 dollars for his pumpkin rendition of James Brown.

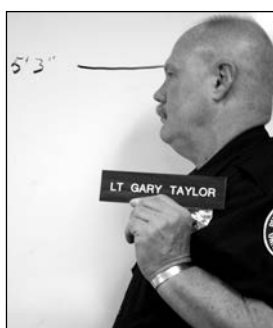


The Great Kaimin Pumpkin-Off

Best of the Blotter

by Kaimin Crime Reporter

Zach Franz



Lt. Gary Taylor

May 25, 6 p.m.

A woman reported that she had been in the women's locker room at the Student Recreation Center, and had seen some feet below the shower curtain, but no water was running.

The woman asked if the person was okay, and the person said "she" was, Lemcke said.

The voice, however, did not sound legitimately female, and the woman called Public Safety. Responding officers found a male student in the women's locker room, Lemcke said. He was clothed except for his shoes, and told officers he had walked into the wrong locker room by mistake and was hiding in the shower until he could get out unseen, Lemcke said. Unconvinced, officers cited him for disorderly conduct.

July 12, 4 a.m.

Officers responded to a disturbance in the parking area at Lewis and Clark Villages, Lemcke said. The disturbance was a fight between two women, both of whom were naked, Lemcke said.

"Officers happily intervened," Lemcke said.

Apparently, the women had been involved in an intimate situation indoors, when a misunderstanding led to an argument, which escalated into an outdoor fight, he said. One of the women was taken to the hospital for treatment of a bite wound on her finger, he said.

Oct. 1, 7:53 p.m.

Public Safety received a report of a man stumbling around the Lewis

and Clark Villages. The caller also said there was a pool of blood on the sidewalk. Responding officers did not immediately find the stumbling man, but they did find blood and hair on the brick corner of one building, Lemcke said.

Shortly thereafter, officers found the man in a random apartment, where he had walked in to clean his wounds - which had apparently been sustained when he fell against the building - and gone to sleep, Lemcke said.

"Alcohol was definitely involved," he said.

The man was taken to the hospital and cited for trespass to property.

Oct. 5

University of Montana maintenance staff removed four pairs of women's underwear that were clogging the toilet near the trail to the "M" following the Rolling Stones concert, said Lemcke.

"I don't know what was going on in there," Lemcke said. "Maybe it's just very powerful suction in the toilet."

Another theory is that someone intended to throw the panties onstage, but couldn't get a ticket, and instead abandoned them in the outhouse.

"If Babe wants her panties back, they're a little damaged, but here they are," Lemcke said.

In fact, Babe's panties were turned over to the Kaimin. Please call the newsroom at 243-4310 to claim.

Oct. 15, 2:01 a.m.

A Public Safety officer patrolling Arthur Avenue spotted two men

pushing a third man on an office chair, Taylor said.

The man in the chair was unconscious, with his head sagging and arms hanging limply at his side, according to the police report. "He had vomited on himself and was drooling," the report said.

The two men were trying to get the unconscious man, who was drunk, to his home, Taylor said.

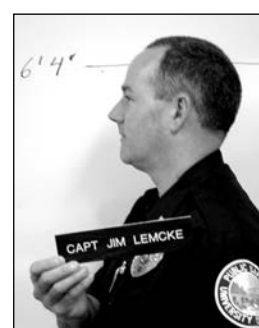
The intoxicated man was taken to St. Patrick Hospital for treatment, and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

Oct. 28, 3:10 p.m.

A student appeared to be intoxicated and underage in the tailgate area outside the Grizzly football game. The student agreed to take a breathalyzer test to see if there was alcohol in his system, and the test came up positive, Lemcke said. The student objected, on the grounds that he hadn't been drinking that day. Rather, alcohol was still in his system from a night spent drinking "fine cognac," he told police. The student was cited for underage drinking.

Oct. 29, 11:06 p.m.

Officers responded to a report of possible marijuana use in Aber Hall. Several people were smoking pot in a dorm room when officers arrived, Lemcke said. One of the students grabbed a baggy containing marijuana, stuffed it into his mouth and swallowed the whole thing. Officers took the student to St. Patrick Hospital. Medical staff determined the student's health wasn't jeopardized, and officers took him to jail.



Capt. Jim Lemcke

"Thank God he didn't have a bong," said Lt. Gary Taylor with the Office of Public Safety.

Nov. 5, 6:03 a.m.

A caller reported an intoxicated male who had just urinated in the hallway on the fourth floor of Jesse Hall.

The man had passed out on the floor by the time police arrived, said Lemcke.

Officers found that the student had some marijuana in his possession, Lemcke said. He was cited for disorderly conduct, underage possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia - a feat Lemcke refers to as "The Dorm Trifecta."

Nov. 8 - 14

The Office of Public Safety received several reports of a man hunting squirrels on campus with a dart gun.

Campus squirrels are an easy but illegal target, Lemcke said.

"All you need is that sack of stolen nuts," Taylor said.

Nov. 14, 11:58 p.m.

Someone was throwing potatoes at passing cars from the study lounge on the fourth floor of Jesse Hall. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

The potatoes were baked and garnished with sour cream, Lemcke said.

"There was no mention of chives in the report," he said.

Pentagon for that. We had what we had to go with, and we did fine.”

C.M.: “I remember we started hitting the scrap heaps and welding on pieces of iron to the doors, because we didn’t have the armored rigs either.”

M.K.: Did you feel confident?

C.M.: “I did, you know, it was weird, it depended on where you were at what kind of welcome you were going to get. You’d pull into some of these villages and feel like a rock star ...”

S.W.: “Like you were in France in ’44.”

C.M.: “Exactly, it was just phenomenal ... and that’s the way it was, people coming out and blowing kisses and giving you gifts and trying to give you a hug and everybody like ‘Saddam bad, George Bush good,’ but, then you might end up in another village ...”

S.W.: “And they’re blowing something else at you.”

C.M.: “Exactly. But, you know, I always had confidence in my abilities.”

M.K.: When you got over there, did you and the men under you know what you were fighting for?

C.M.: “It would depend on who you asked, and where they were at ... if you’ve got a private that’s sitting in Kuwait guarding the port, he’s not going to see the big picture as much as a guy who’s at a forward operating base that’s doing humanitarian missions daily and actually seeing the Iraqi people ... I had a pretty good idea of the big picture, at least from my part of the theater.”

M.K.: What was the bigger picture that you saw there?

C.M.: “What the purpose of my mission was ... I’ve been to probably 50 to 60 countries and I’ve seen a lot of shit-holes, but I haven’t seen anything as bad and people that had any less than the people in southern Iraq in some of those villages ... Every time I see my kid, and what he has, and see him laying in his bed, and playing with Sponge Bob, and then you see a kid over there who’s walking in 130 degree sand who doesn’t have a pair of shoes ... Maybe (the mission was) number one get Saddam out of power, but number two, try to do something for the country. I look at it more as a humanitarian mission than a combat mission, even though I went over there as a combat soldier.”

M.K.: And you, Seth, did you have a sense of what you were fighting for?

S.W.: “I was there to kick ass. I wasn’t there to give any humanitarian aid, I was there to shoot Saddam in the face. We were ready to go. We were out there to get some. I was completely for it. On the information we had I was all for it. He was a bad dude, he had, had weapons, and we knew that because we gave (them) to him ... Everybody thought he had it, and having read up on it, even his own generals thought he had it ...”

C.M.: “Right, and that’s the reason why people thought he had it, because he said he had it.”

S.W.: “And up until three days before the war, he didn’t think Bush was going to pull the trigger.”

M.K.: So did your sense change? Initially, you’re in there, you’re a fired-up ranger, freshly trained, had all the stuff, did it change once you saw combat?

“I went through worse initiations as a reconnaissance Marine than what they did at Abu Ghraib”

— *Cary Monbarren*

S.W.: “Oh yeah ... Once you get into combat it’s not about Saddam, it’s about your buddies. It’s you and them ... Politics doesn’t come into play; it doesn’t matter. It doesn’t matter, the big scope of the war, or where other units are.”

M.K.: Some people are saying that what is happening in Iraq right now is pretty similar to Vietnam, that it’s messy and there’s no exit, do you see a similarity?

C.M.: “I would see a similarity, and I think that’s where we messed up in Vietnam, was pulling out ... when we pulled out, millions of people died in Southeast Asia.”

S.W.: “But I think the religious aspect of this war was not in Vietnam at all. It makes it more complex. It’s not just ideology, it’s religion on top of it all ... and, the desert’s not the jungle ... the desert you don’t really have any cover ... Looking back, I think

Palestine, it’s not Iraq. If you look at the history of Israel, they used terrorism to take over that country ... I believe that democracy is a great thing and you can set the conditions for democracy to occur, but you cannot force democracy. It does not work.”

C.M.: “I don’t think it’s forced into democracy, I think it’s planting a seed ... It’s been four years. We fought a revolution here in 1776 and didn’t have a constitution until 1787, and that was to

form our own democracy ... It’s kind of amazing to be over there in the beginning before the war started and going back over a year later and everyone’s got cell phones and satellite dishes, I mean, they have freedom, and I don’t know what kind of price you can put on that ... We are winning over there. Every soldier I talk to that’s coming back can tell you a million stories of the things they’re doing that are positive.”

M.K.: I think both of you would agree that it’s a fine kettle of fish over there right now, look at the newspapers and 200 people are dying in a day. It’s been called a civil war now. Where does it go from here?

C.M.: “People were dying before we were over there, and probably in the same numbers ... There’s five million people in Baghdad alone. When I see two and a half million of them fighting two and a half million in the streets of Baghdad, then I’ll think it’s a civil war ... That’s like say-

year in the United States, and we’re not in a civil war.”

S.W.: “Yeah, but the United States is 10 times the size. I think things are going well over there, but in certain aspects. There have been some reconstruction projects that have been completed, but it seems like whenever they get completed, they get destroyed. Until you have security, you can’t build an infrastructure ... Democracy in Iraq sounds great, but I’m really worried that the

fundamentalists might win, just like Hamas won the Palestinian election ...”

M.K.: What needs to happen immediately?

S.W.: “I think that they need to get a sense that the central government is a central government. To do that we need to take on (Shia militia leader Muqtada) al Sadr. It’s not just about Iraq, it’s about stopping this whole growing animosity towards us ... stabilizing the region. Just stabilizing it, getting it so that there’s not a war going on. That doesn’t mean there’s a bikini contest in Basra, but just stable.”

C.M.: “My question is where is the U.N. in all of this? ... The U.N. should have been involved from the very beginning.”

S.W.: “Bush keeps talking about how this is a very important war and it is a very important war. My problem is that it’s a very important war for a few people ... American people aren’t making

the central war on terrorism, make it the central theme in our whole country.”

M.K.: Is it the central war on terrorism?

S.W.: “It’s morphed into that. It absolutely was not before we went in there. But now, if you want to be a jihadi and you want to go kill Americans, you go to Iraq ... We’re not killing (the terrorists) faster than they’re regenerating. The longer you’re there, the more civilians get killed, and the more you’ll have things like Abu Ghraib. I mean, I didn’t think (Abu Ghraib) was a big deal, but it was put into a big deal. These are very isolated events, but it’s all (the media) looks at.”

C.M.: “I went through worse initiations as a reconnaissance Marine than what they did at Abu Ghraib, and I’m sure Seth will tell you the same stories.”

S.W.: “They were bored.”

C.M.: “I’m sure there’s worse things that have happened on this campus, at fraternities. (The media) makes such a big story about that, but they won’t say we immunized 90 percent of the population against polio, that’s not a story, but, hey, ‘somebody kicks somebody’s Quran in Guantanamo’ is. An American getting his throat cut barely makes page four.”

M.K.: Do you agree with the report about a month ago that said the war in Iraq is actually increasing terrorism?

C.M.: “Obviously, I think it’s increasing terrorism there, but if you look at our own country, we haven’t had anything happen here ... it’s like calling ducks. I’d rather call in the ducks over there and shoot ‘em then have them all flying over my house and shitting on it.”

S.W.: “They’re opportunistic. And if we’re fighting them over there, I don’t think the chances are as high of them attacking us here. But that’s a fine line to walk. I mean, when does it go sour? ... The reason 9/11 happened wasn’t because they hated our freedom. It was because of Palestine, and it was because of our presence in Saudi Arabia ... If we can get away from them having a reason to hate us, a.k.a. getting out of the region completely, then I think we can alleviate the whole situation.”

C.M.: “I think there’s a few other countries that we need to go into also. I look at Darfur region and genocide in Rwanda and why aren’t we there? ... There’s probably a couple of other countries that I’d like to go over to, and take out their leadership too.”

S.W.: “I think there’s a middle ground that everyone should be looking at ... I think we should be talking to Iran and Syria ... We’re in a fight. We’re in a hard fight, and there is a possibility that we could lose and we could destabilize the whole region. It’s a slim possibility, but if we don’t play our cards right, that could happen.”

M.K.: Well, thanks very much for your thoughts, gentlemen.



Whitfield wears a bracelet engraved with the names of his friends who died in combat.

Ashley McKee/Montana Kaimin

that Iraq was a mistake, because of the instability in the region that it’s caused ... Invading Iraq was a bad idea, but hindsight’s 20/20. People need to realize that the biggest issue in the Middle East is

ing that we’re in a civil war because in L.A. there was a gang shooting last night and some gang-bangers blasted somebody in a drive-by. There’s 40-50,000 people getting murdered every

any sacrifices at all ... If you had a (required) service to the nation, for two years, a lot of people would grow up a little bit, get a stable paycheck, see more than their neighborhood ... If this is

'Richard III' to bring Shakespearean tragedy back to Missoula

ALEX SAKARIASSEN
MONTANA KAIMIN

It's been 18 years since Shakespearean tragedy fanned tempers and tugged tears in the University of Montana drama scene.

On Dec. 5, with the opening of "Richard III" for a five-night run, all the lust, bloodshed and deception that the Stratford-native's plays are known for will return to the Montana Theatre after a dark, post-modernistic facelift.

"I thought about 'The Matrix,' not so much the plot of 'The Matrix' or the sci-fi of 'The Matrix', but the worn-out society," said director Greg Johnson.

That image drives home with all

the grime and blood of some underground punk rock show, coupled with a stage akin to the Rolling Stones' flashy steel behemoth. Indeed, Johnson confessed he looked to artists like Peter Gabriel and Pink Floyd for the murky environment befitting Shakespeare's third work.

"I thought it spoke to the times," Johnson said of his choice to direct "Richard III".

Set in post-War of the Roses England, the story follows the throne-hungry Richard on his murderous trek for power. To enhance the sinister setting, Johnson employed UM music student Tommy Pertis to write an original rock score. A three-piece electric band will pound out the themes

live. Equal effort has gone into the lighting and the 40 costumes needed for the play.

"It's quite moving to me how much everyone's been getting behind this show," Johnson said.

Amanda Determan/Montana Kaimin

Actors rehearse a scene from "Richard III" Monday in the Montana Theatre. The play is set to open Tuesday and will run until Dec. 9.



Snowstorms raise avalanche risk

PATRICK CROSS
MONTANA KAIMIN

Steve Karkanen has a tough job. Every Thursday during the winter, the director of the West Central Montana Avalanche Center skis into the Rattlesnake backcountry to evaluate snow conditions.

"We go on a fairly lengthy backcountry tour from the ski area at Point Six to take a look at different aspects and see how the snow has changed in recent days," he said.

The snow stability reports collected by Karkanen and other skiers in the Bitterroot Mountains, from Lost Trail to Lookout Pass, are just one of the factors he uses to analyze avalanche conditions. A Forest Service employee with

14 years of ski patrol experience, Karkanen also examines the history of snowstorms and the snowpack along with putting out a 48-hour forecast when writing weekly avalanche advisories, posted Fridays on www.missoulaavalanche.org.

This week's snowstorm brought powder skiing to places like Lolo Pass, but Karkanen warns more snow will increase avalanche danger now that anchors like snags and vegetation are covered. Northeast facing lines are at particular risk because prevailing winds from the southwest will deposit snow on their leeward slopes. Also, avalanche danger is greatest shortly after a snowstorm or windstorm.

"Snow does not like to be surprised," Karkanen said. "It takes a little time to adjust to new loads."

Backcountry users should watch for snow cracks, listen for "whomps" and notice recent slides (even small ones along road cuts) when riding this weekend, Karkanen said. Bringing the proper equipment is also necessary.

"Having a transceiver, probe pole and shovel is critical for anyone traveling in the backcountry," he said. "And knowing how to use the stuff is the next important thing."

The avalanche center and UM Outdoor Program will have a free avalanche lecture Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the North Underground Lecture Hall. Several spots are still open for the transceiver clinic Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., which costs \$15; call 243-5172 for more information. But Karkanen said to watch local ski and snowmobile shops for free transceiver clinics from the avalanche center later this winter.

Covering the 150 miles of the Bitterroots and the Rattlesnake mountains is a challenge for the avalanche center, which currently is expanding to the Seeley Lake area. Karkanen said that other regional avalanche advisories like the Glacier Country, Idaho Panhandle and Gallatin are great resources, but many popular backcountry areas like the Mission and Sapphire mountains are not covered.

"There are a lot of areas in Western Montana, and all of Montana, that we do not talk about that is definite avalanche country where people have died," he said.

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Lady Griz tame Cowgirls

DANNY DAVIS
MONTANA KAIMIN

Mandy Morales may be the star of the University of Montana women's basketball team, but her supporting cast stole the spotlight Thursday night as Montana rallied to a 70-59 win over Wyoming.

Morales had a game-high 27 points to lead the Lady Griz, but guards Laura Cote and Sonya Rogers combined for 10 points during a crucial 14-5 second-half run.

"I think we showed tonight that we had other options," said senior center Sara Gale, who snagged 14 rebounds. "Other people stepped up even though Mandy scored 27 points."

While Montana struggled early offensively, Wyoming knocked down three three-pointers to take a 13-4 lead less than four minutes into the game. UM took a timeout and switched its defense from man-to-man to zone, which it stayed in for the rest of the game.

"We were having a hard time closing them out and stopping their penetration," said UM head coach Robin Selvig.

Morales scored 15 points in the first half to keep Montana in the game. But for every reverse lay-up or jump shot that Morales would score, Wyoming would respond with a timely bucket, most often in the form of a three-pointer. After going 8 of 12 from behind the arc in the first half, Wyoming went into halftime with a 33-30 lead.

"Even though we were down in the first half, I felt we were still playing well," Gale said. "In the second half, it was just a matter of us doing a few things better."

After Morales scored 10 points to start the second half, the rest of the Lady Griz took over.

With the score tied 46-46 halfway through the second half, Cote and Rogers knocked down three-pointers within a minute of each other to push the score to 52-48, giving Montana a lead it would not relinquish.

Cote ended any chance of a Wyoming comeback when she received a pass from Gale and scored an easy lay-in with 6:19 remaining to put Montana up 60-51. Wyoming called a timeout, but was never able to recover.

After scorching the Wyoming



Hugh Carey/Montana Kaimin
UM sophomore Mandy Morales wrestles for the ball against the Wyoming Cowgirls Thursday night at Dahlberg Arena. The Lady Griz won 70-59.

defense for the entire first half and much of the second, Morales was held to just two points in the final 11 minutes. Still, Morales was just as deadly without the ball because Wyoming was forced to focus its defense on her, leaving ample opportunities for her teammates.

"Mandy played so well that they had to go zone," Cote said. "As soon as they went zone, they couldn't stop the shooters."

Cote and sophomore center Tamara Guardipee finished with nine points apiece. All of Wyoming's points were scored by four players, led by junior forward Hanna Zavec's 19.

Montana (4-1) is next in action on Saturday when it hosts Portland at 7 p.m.

Griz Notes: Late in the second half, Morales left the game with cramps in her left leg, but later returned to action ... Rebecca

Vanderjagt, an Australia native and sister of Dave Vanderjagt, a freshman on the UM men's basketball team, logged 11 minutes of action for the Cowgirls, grabbing two rebounds and scoring zero points ... In part because of its 31 three-point attempts, Wyoming attempted just five free throws. Montana, by comparison, attempted 26.

Griz hoops team faces Boise State in return home

PETE DELMOE
MONTANA KAIMIN

It's rare that anyone would want to leave sunny Orlando, Fla., in late November to come home to Montana, but for the University of Montana basketball team the friendly hardwood of Dahlberg Arena sounds plenty warm.

"Other than the weather it's nice to be back," said UM sophomore forward Jordan Hasquet.

After opening the season with an 83-42 win at Dahlberg Arena over MSU-Northern, the Griz have played their past five games away from home, going 1-4 in that stretch.

The Griz (2-4 overall) played their last three games on a neutral site at the inaugural Old Spice Classic in Orlando. The Griz were on a four-game losing streak before winning their final game at the tournament 72-65 over Minnesota.

Montana's next game is Sunday at 2 p.m. at Dahlberg Arena against Boise State (4-3), who beat the Griz 90-69 at Boise last year in Montana's season opener.

It's been tough for some of the Griz players to deal with the early season struggles after having so much success the last two years. The Griz have won the past two Big Sky Conference tournaments and last season beat Nevada in the NCAA tournament.

But this is a different Montana team.

"The media and all the fans have such high expectations for you because you had so much success the last two years, but people don't realize this is a new group with a lot of new faces," said UM junior Andrew Strait, who leads the team in scoring with 15.3 points a game.

The Griz have faced an extremely tough nonconference schedule and in the end the only thing that matters is winning the Big Sky Conference and its season-ending tournament.

"It doesn't matter how many wins you have in the preseason," said first-year UM head coach Wayne Tinkle. "Teams will set up an easy (schedule) so they can skate through preseason. Does that prepare them for league? I don't think so."

"We bit the bullet last spring when we were putting this schedule together and wanted to be challenged."

The Boise State Broncos should do a good job of testing this new Griz team with their up tempo-style of play. The Broncos are coming off Wednesday night's 72-68 home win over BYU.

After last year's 21-point loss to the Broncos, the Griz have a little extra incentive to want to beat BSU.

"It's definitely in the back of our heads a little bit," said Hasquet, who averages 11.3 points a game. "We got drilled by them, so I think we're looking forward to them a little bit."

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Griz look to shut down SIU's explosive running game

PETE DELMOE
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana football team's defense has been dominant for most of the season, but this weekend could be their ultimate test, and they're looking forward to it.

"We've had a lot of success and have good numbers and all that stuff, but as the competition steps up, this is going to be a true testament to how good we really are," senior defensive end Dustin Dlouhy said.

This Saturday afternoon at Washington-Grizzly Stadium the Griz defense will have the task of trying to stop a Southern Illinois University (9-3 overall; 4-3 Gateway Conference) offense that averages more than 37 points a game.

The Salukis do most of their damage on the ground, rushing for more than 245 yards a game. SIU's rushing attack is led by senior running back Arkee Whitlock, a finalist for the 2006 Walter Payton Award, given annually to



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UM freshman running back Thomas Brooks-Fletcher carries the ball past UM senior Dustin Dlouhy during football practice in Washington-Grizzly Stadium Wednesday.

the Division I-AA offensive player of the year.

"Hopefully, we don't let him get loose because he's really dangerous," Dlouhy said. "He's fast and strong. The whole offense seems geared around him."

So far this season Whitlock has stung opponents with 1,748 yards and 25 touchdowns. Last week he

carried the ball 28 times for 207 yards and four touchdowns in the Salukis 36-30 come-from-behind victory over Tennessee-Martin in the first round of the playoffs.

"Nobody has stopped their running game all year and that's the reason why they've won nine

games," UM head coach Bobby Hauck said. "You have to make an attempt at stopping their run game."

Montana has excelled this year at stopping the run, allowing just more than 98 yards a game on the ground, which is the best in the Big Sky Conference. Some of the Griz players see this as a chance to show people just how tough their run defense really is.

"It's a great opportunity for our defense," UM junior linebacker Kyle Ryan said. "People have talked about our defense stopping the run all year and now we get the chance to go against one of the best rushing offenses in the country and we'll see how it goes."

The Salukis may be a predominantly running team, but when they have thrown the ball they've been more than efficient. Junior quarterback Nick Hill has thrown for 1,684 yards and 15 touchdowns with only four interceptions while completing 62.7 percent of his passes.

Hill is also more than capable of running with the ball. He is the team's third leading rusher with 391 rushing yards and has six rushing touchdowns.

"He's an athletic kid that has made very good decisions," Salukis' head coach Jerry Kill said in a telephone interview. "This is why we're where we're at. You're only as good as your quarterback."

Still, the Griz have their eyes set on the stopping the Salukis' running game and forcing them to pass.

"I think we're going to play (the run) first," Ryan said. "Hopefully we can force them to the pass and I think we'd rather have them do that than have Whitlock touch the ball 40 times a game."

Despite all the challenges the Griz might face, they are still riding high on the wave of their 11-game winning streak and they are looking to go 13-0 in quarterfinal playoff games with a win over SIU. Dlouhy said no matter what happens this weekend or for the rest of the year, the 2006 season will leave a lasting imprint in his memory.

"Regardless of how we do this weekend or the weekend after that, it'll be a season to remember for sure," he said.

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Concert to help ailing UM student

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If you're looking for a meaningful respite in the midst of studying for finals, the University of Montana Advocates have something in store for you. On Thursday, they are planning a benefit concert for Noah Ginnings, a student who has been struggling to pay medical bills for the costs of his brain cancer.

The concert will be held in the Music Recital Hall at 8 p.m. and will feature the UM Jubileers and other volunteer performers, including a comedy act and a dance act. The event will also include a silent auction and a bake sale. Admission to the concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

"We want people to enjoy themselves and have a good night," said Karissa Drye, UM Advocate and organizer of the event.

Drye said that the event is also intended to thank the Missoula community that has gathered around the Ginnings family to help with the exorbitant medical costs and insurance shortcomings.

Drye has known Noah since 2001, when they both enrolled at UM.

"He's a phenomenal person," she said. "He does so much with the University and the Missoula community. He's just amazing."

"Noah's done so much for the Advocates and we wanted to give," Drye said.

Unable to attend the concert, but still want to help out Noah and his family with the costs of his medicines, surgeries and traveling to Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle?

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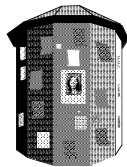
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